

Transformed by the Spirit Updates November 2015

What is TbyS?

“Transformed by the Spirit” is a movement to discern and engage in the story of God’s redeeming presence for new life in the areas of personal faith, congregational mission, cross-congregational resourcing and the American Baptists’ organizational culture. Together, since Transformed by the Spirit began in 2011, we have been asking: “*What challenges are we facing, for which we do not presently have an answer, but which must be addressed if we are to live into the future God has for us?*” Recently, the primary resources of TbyS (listed below) were updated to reflect changes called for the evaluation of these materials:



Personal Transformation – Rhythms of the Spirit

Community and Congregational Transformation – Joining God in the Neighborhood

Organizational Transformation – Adaptive Challenge Teams

Relational Transformation – Experiences in Difference

News from the Journey Team

The March meeting of the Journey Team primarily focused on clarifying and marketing the resources of Transformed by the Spirit. Goals in these areas for the coming year include:

- The development of a communications brochure
- The creation of a website landing page for all of the resources
- The addition of several online training resources
- The creation of a video success story

Recent and Upcoming Activity

- Twenty pastors and key lay leaders participated in a Joining God in the Neighborhood launch in Rapid City South Dakota on May 12-13. The event included congregations from ABC of Nebraska and ABC of the Dakotas.
- We are also working toward a major launch of this resource at the 2017 Biennial/Mission Summit to include training and commissioning of leaders at the Biennial.
- American Baptist Women’s Ministries recently completed a series of meetings using the revised Adaptive Challenge Team resource with great results and have identified their adaptive challenge: “AB Women’s Ministries’ adaptive challenge is to draw women and girls into transformational relationships with Christ and with one another, and send them out to engage as partners in God’s transformation of the world.”
- Rhythms of the Spirit is creating a network of Spiritual Directors. For more information, go to www.abcspiritualformation.com
- A Pilgrimage to Taize event will take place June 2-14 and Rhythms of the Spirit events will take place this summer July 9-13 at Green Lake and August 22-25 in Washington DC.
- As a reminder, all TbyS resources are available at www.MissionSummitConversations.com